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1. (Confidential - JMM) During a weekend in Charlottesville, I discussed with Senator Hugh Scott, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, our problem regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Senator Scott said that Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations David Abshire had mentioned this to him and he anticipated no problem in the Foreign Relations Committee with the legislation we had in mind.

I also mentioned to Senator Scott, who is also a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, that I would like to see him sometime at his convenience to explain to him our concern about the Ervin bill to protect the privacy of Federal employees. He said he was travelling to the Far East shortly and might not have an opportunity to discuss this until his return late in May.

2. (Confidential - JMM) At a social gathering over the weekend, I mentioned to Senator John Tunney, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, our concern over the Ervin bill which he said he would be glad to discuss in detail at a later date.

3. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and brought him up-to-date on my conversations last Thursday and Friday with Senator George McGovern and Miss Flora Lewis, the columnist, regarding Senator McGovern's inquiry about possible Agency involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic. See Journals of 29 and 30 April 1971.

4. (Secret - JMM) Met with Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said that they had set aside the entire morning for the Director's testimony on Brazil before the Church Subcommittee on 5 May, but probably would not use all of this time. He did not expect any questions beyond those he had already provided us, and doubted that there would be more than about ten members present.

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25X1A 5. (Secret - JMM) Met with Senator James Pearson (R., Kans.) in response to his request some weeks ago at the Foreign Relations Committee hearing for some clarification on the organization and responsibilities of CIA. I left with Pearson some classified charts of the organization of the community and the Agency, and appropriate quotes from legislation establishing the Agency.

Pearson said he was deeply concerned over the confrontation that was building up between the Committee and the State Department, referring to the Committee's demand for [REDACTED] as the latest example. Pearson personally feels that the Committee has gone too far in its demands and we are on the verge of a campaign of "McCarthyism in reverse" in which CIA may be caught in the middle.

I briefly explained to Pearson our problem with Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty and he said he would be glad to hear more when he has time.

6. (Secret - JMM) Met with Don Henderson, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said he was planning a trip to Poland shortly and would like an Agency briefing toward the end of this week.

Henderson commented on the confrontation between the Committee and the State Department, remarking that this morning the Chairman had remarked to Acting Secretary of State Irwin that if the Department were no more forthcoming the Chairman might insist on an annual authorization to fund the Department in the future. According to Henderson, Irwin was visibly shaken by this suggestion.

7. (Confidential - JMM) Called Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who said he would be unable to meet with Colonel White and Mr. Tweedy to discuss the community budget until later in the week. He suggested I call him Wednesday or Thursday.

8. (Secret - GLC) Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called and asked if there was anything useful they could say about the Soviet satellite activity. She explained they were not pressing on this but would be willing to make some kind of a statement if we thought it would be useful. After checking with Mr. Carl Duckett, I told Miss Fosdick the George Wilson article in the 30 April Washington Post had revealed just about everything that was known on the subject and we would certainly not recommend that anything be done at this time. She did not appear to be familiar with the Wilson article and said she would read it.

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9. (Secret - GLC) [REDACTED] called to say that the State Department had been in touch with them about Marshall Green's scheduled appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The Department was concerned about Green receiving a question in the open session about irregular forces in Laos. We agreed that Green should not discuss the subject in open session, but could say appropriate congressional committees had been briefed on the subject.

10. (Secret - GLC) John Clarke, D/PPB, called about some thoughts he and Colonel White had shared for funding the closeout of Radio Free Europe if this should prove necessary. It was agreed that we would touch this subject lightly with Woodruff and Preston and try to arrange a time for Mr. Clarke to discuss this with them in some detail.

11. (Confidential - PLC) Mrs. Cox, in the office of Representative Richard Fulton (D., Tenn.), called to request data on computer production in Russia with statistics on software. The information was requested by a bank in Knoxville. Dr. Edward Allen, D/OER, was contacted and stated that this information is classified and not releasable. Mrs. Cox was advised accordingly.

12. (Secret - JGO) Received a call from Mr. W. H. Boone, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, who told me that Representative Thomas Downing (D., Va.), Chairman of the NASA Oversight Subcommittee, has scheduled hearings for testimony on the space shuttle from NASA and DOD. As background for the hearings, Chairman Downing would appreciate a briefing for himself, Representatives John Wydler (R., N.Y.), Robert Price (R., Texas), and Mr. Boone in the Chairman's office, 2135 Rayburn House Office Building, at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 May, on the Soviet and Chinese programs. I told Mr. Boone I would relay his request and be back in touch during the day tomorrow. See Journal of 12 April.

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